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**U.S. BRINGS NEW CHARGES AGAINST WHITE PLAINS MAN IN
SCHEME TO DEFRAUD CELEBRITY SPEAKERS OF APPEARANCE FEES**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ALAN S. WALKER, the President of the Program Corporation of America ("PCA"), was charged in a 60-count Superseding Indictment filed today in White Plains federal court with a scheme to defraud speakers of hundreds of thousands of dollars in appearance fees.

WALKER was arrested on October 23, 2003, in connection with these charges and is currently released on bail pending trial. He is scheduled to be arraigned on the Superseding Indictment on January 28, 2004.

According to the Superseding Indictment, from 2001 through 2003, WALKER, through PCA, arranged speaking engagements for public figures including former astronaut Scott Carpenter, retired boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, James Earl Jones, Andy Rooney, Erin Brockovich, Deborah Norville, Bill Moyer, James Carville, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Carol Moseley-Braun, and many

others. In each case, either the speaker or the venue for the speaking engagement - including Wheaton College, Southern Illinois University, Indiana State University, and the Kalamazoo Public Library - was defrauded of appearance fees, as WALKER received money from the venue and did not pay the speakers.

WALKER is charged with an additional 60 counts of mail fraud, each of which carries, upon conviction, a maximum of 20 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the offense.

Mr. KELLEY praised the investigative efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney DANIEL S. DORSKY is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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